

VAMHCS RESEARCH SERVICE BULLETIN #11

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VA requirement for CITI/GCP training is now biannual. Please follow your reminders from CITI.

You may soon notice that your reminder from the CITI program for your human research protections and good clinical practice trainings comes every two years instead of annually.

In its recently issued revision of [VHA Handbook 1200.05, "Requirements for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research"](#) (10/15/10), the VHA Office of Research & Development (ORD) has changed its requirement to a biannual schedule for CITI (or equivalents) and GCP training.

At the VAMHCS, the anniversary date for CITI/GCP is now calculated based on 730 days from the last completed training.

In a separate development, VA ORD now [accepts UMB's CITI/GCP course as equivalent to the VA course](#).

All of this now means that VAMHCS required HRP/GCP trainings can synchronize with the UMB HRPO's biannual requirement:

- You can take CITI/GCP every two years,
- UMB CITI/GCP is acceptable,
- Follow the reminders you receive from CITI. The Research Service will not send separate reminders.

Be aware that other required VA trainings remain as **annual** trainings. These trainings are: "VA Privacy Awareness" and "Information Security Awareness".

The VAMHCS Research Service website will be updated shortly to reflect these changes.

Remember that **you** are responsible for ensuring that **all** your trainings are current!

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